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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1738

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL PROSECUTION OF LORENZ KIDNAPPERS IN BERLIN

REF: A) USBERLIN 1700; B) USBERLIN 1631; C) USBERLIN 0428

1. BONN GROUP PRESS GUIDANCE HAS HELD UP THUS FAR AND HAS PERMITTED US TO ADOPT NON-COMMITTAL STANCE ON BASICALLY ACCURATE STORIES ON ALLIED AND FRG DECISIONS IN DIE WELT AUGUST 15 (REF A) AND FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE AUGUST 16. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO SHOW PERSISTENT INTEREST. TYUTYUNOV REFERRED TO CASE AGAIN INFORMALLY AUGUST 18 WHEN HE CALLED ON POLAD TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OTHER MATTERS, BUT HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE PUT OFF WITH COMMENT THAT NOTHING HAD CHANGES SINCE POLAD HAD RESPONDED TO HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT AUGUST 6.

2. WE WONDER, HOWEVER, HOW MUCH LONGER THIS LINE WILL REMAIN VIABLE. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SENAT HAS PASSED OUT COPIES TO OFFICIALS ON NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS OF BOTH FRG JUSTICE MINISTRY LETTER TO FEDERAL PROSECUTOR BUBACK
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ADVISING HIM OF RESULTS OF BONN GROUP CONSULTATIONS
AND LETTER FROM DR. BUBACK TO BERLIN PROSECUTOR DATED
JULY 30 ADVISING FORMALLY THAT BUBACK HAS MADE THE DECISION
TO HANDLE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION. PRESUMABLY
BONN MINISTRIES HAVE MADE SIMILAR DISTRIBUTIONS. IT MAY
CONSEQUENTLY ONLY BE MATTER OF TIME BEFORE FRUTERH
LEAKS IN BONN OR IN BERLIN MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR FRG TO
CONFIRM THAT BASIC DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN EVEN IF
INDICTMENTS ARE DELAYED SEVERAL MORE MONTHES. ALLIES
WOULD PRESUMABLY THEN HAVE TO REBUT SOVIET PROTESTS
(BOTH THE PAIR ALREADY MADE AND, PRESUMABLY, A NEW ONE
IN REACTION TO CONFIRMED STORY THAT THERE WILL BE
FEDERAL PROSECUTION IN BERLIN). WE WONDER, THEREFORE,
WHETHER TIME IS NOT RIPE TO CONSIDER TEXT OF EVENTUAL
SUBSTANTIVE ALLIED STATEMENT, PERHAPS TAKING AS BASIS
DRAFT ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED BY THREE MISSIONS IN MARCH
(REF C). GEORGE

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